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BANNERS will line the main street of Murray Bridge (Bridge Street) from Thursday 30 June to recognise Australia's First Nations people in acknowledgement and respectful celebration of NAIDOC Week (3-10 July).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge was delighted to engage with Ngarrindjeri and Kokatha man, Harley Hall, to design the banners.

The banners represent communities coming together through intricate details and thought provoking designs.

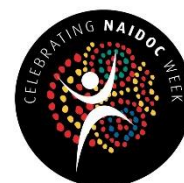
Elements and themes of the banners include: men and women teaching the younger generation, men with spears, boomerangs, and women with clap sticks, coolomon and digging sticks. Crosshatch represents Ngarrindjeri basket weaving, a strong traditional cultural practice that is still practiced today. Footprints represent Australia as a whole moving forward together in harmony. The dots represent all the different Ngarrindjeri clans that make up the nation. The green and blue represents where the river meets the sea. The 3 lines connecting communities represent the river, lakes and Coorong.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Mayor Brenton Lewis said "Council is committed to strengthening our relationships and working partnerships with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, so that we can support their languages, culture and heritage to be respected, shared and celebrated into the future. The banners are a great visual representation of Ngarrindjeri culture" he said.

NAIDOC Week celebrations in Murray Bridge will kick off with the Bridge Walk, Flag raising and awards ceremony beginning on the east side of the Murray Bridge road bridge on Monday July 4 at 9.30am.

Be sure to check this amazing installation out next time you head down to the Bridge Street.

For more information phone Council on 8539 1100.



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STAND UP!
SHOW UP!**

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